IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A connecting device connecting a spray boom to a chassis of an agricultural sprayer, and which comprises comprising:

a single quadrilateral <u>including an upper arm and a lower arm</u>, one of said upper arm and lower arm being a carrying arm and the other arm being an orienting arm,

wherein said carrying arm has a T-shaped structure including a head T that is located on a same side as said spray boom, and said single quadrilateral is arranged in a plane which is substantially vertical and substantially parallel to a longitudinal plane of said sprayer.

Claim 2 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein wherein said quadrilateral is contained in a vertical mid-plane of said chassis.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein wherein said quadrilateral is deformable.

Claim 4 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 3, wherein wherein said quadrilateral is deformed by an actuator.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein wherein said quadrilateral is a trapezium.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein wherein said quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim [[5]] 1, wherein wherein the upper arm and the lower arm are connected, on one hand, to the chassis and, on another hand, to said spray boom by means of respective articulations, the respective axes of which are substantially orthogonal to said plane containing said quadrilateral.

Claim 9 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 8, wherein wherein said articulations are located in said plane containing said quadrilateral.

Claims 10-12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the quadrilateral comprises an upper arm and a lower arm, one of said arms is a carrying arm and the other arm is an orienting arm, wherein said actuator acts on said carrying arm.

Claim 14 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the quadrilateral comprises an upper arm and a lower-arm, one of said arms is a carrying arm and the other arm is an orienting arm, wherein said orienting arm is widened to leave a passage for said actuator.

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Claim 15 (currently amended): Connecting The connecting device as claimed in claim 4, wherein wherein said actuator is a ram.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An agricultural sprayer comprising at least one spray boom connected to a chassis by means of a connecting device as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 17 (currently amended): Agricultural The agricultural sprayer as claimed in claim 16, which sprayer is of a trailed type.

Claim 18 (currently amended): Agricultural The agricultural sprayer as claimed in claim 16, which sprayer is of a mounted type.

Claim 19 (currently amended): Agricultural The agricultural sprayer as claimed in claim 16, which sprayer is of a self-propelled type.